Sizzling Starts

1. Begin with Action

Five, four, three, two, ONE! The cameras were rolling and I was about to eat a cockroach!

2. Make the reader curious

The beach house was great, but then my cousins arrived with the bacon, the bricks and wearing their usual beanies.

3. Dialogue

It's just a rat,' I said, breat
hard.
'Rats don't growl,' said Mike

4. Humour

Ever cheered for your footy team with a pie in one hand and a drink in the other? Don’t. When that final goal happened, I wore both.

5. A moment of change

All was going well on the hike until
heat wave happened. I was hot and
and dying for a swim. Then I saw the
And the sign: Warning! Crocodiles.

6. Onomatopoeia

“Sssssss….” The sound was coming closer. I slowly placed ear against the wall. Could it be Big Ben, out of his enclosu

NARRATIVES

Once there was a Tooth Fai with a bad temper. She always went ou nd …

What’s wrong with this introduction?

- Too short
- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual ‘Once…’
- No speech or moment of change

What is it supposed to look like?

‘Whaaaaat… Is that th ?’ the
little kid in the bed mut
‘No!’ said the Tooth Fairy uiet,
and keep your eyes shut
no money for your tooth.’
104th visit for the night and
wings hurt and she was defi ly
over eager little kids.

EXPOSITION

I think ghosts do exist. O
family were staying in a ho
and it felt really creepy…

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- Not engaging
- Starts with the usual ‘I think…’
- No rhetorical questions

What is it supposed to look like?

thought about it unti
stayed in the Glendowne
a swimming pool and a large
TV – and a cold, cold feeling that
seeped into you every ti
walked into the room. We
heater up to full, but no ho
was only later we found out the
mayor of Glendowne had bee
murdered in the room just tw
before…

Your turn! Choose one fro below and write a sizzling start for a n

- Almost getting caught
- It’s not fair
- My Grandparents are not who they say they are
- A holiday that stinks
- A fight with my

Your turn! Choose one from below and write a sizzling start for a **persuasive text:**

- Weekends should be longer
- Why I should get more pocket money
- Should parents always tell the truth to their children?
- Mornings are better than evenings
- If only I had